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FOLLOWING REPEAT LUANDA 0692 ACTION SECSTATE INFO KINSHASA
LISBON JUN 4.

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SUBJECT: FIGHTING IN CABINDA

1. ACCORDING TO THE PORTUGUESSE MILITARY AND CABINDA GULF,
FNLA - MPLA FIGHTING BEGAN JUNE 2 AT ABOUT 0200 IN
CABINDA CITY. CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING TO FIRST EXCHANGE
OF FIRE SUGGEST - BUT NOT CONCLUSIVELY - THAT IT WAS
MISADVENTURE.

2. A WRITTEN TRUCE AGREEMENT SIGNED LATER ON JUNE 2 HELD
UNTIL APPROX 1000 JUNE 3 WHEN THE BATTLE BEGAN ANEW. USE
MORTAR, ROCKETS AND GRENADES CHARACTERIZED THE SECOND DAY'S
FIGHTING. SHOOTING CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF
JUNE 3.

3. NO FLEC, UNITA, ZAIRIAN OR CONGOLESE PARTICIPATION HAS
YET BEEN REPORTED.

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4. GULF DIVERTED ITS JO'BURG - CABINDA FLIGHT ON JUNE 2
TO LUANDA, THEN USED A TEXACO CHARTERED AIRCRAFT TO TAKE
THE NEW CREW TO SAN ANTONIO DO ZAIRE AND HELICOPTERED
THEM TO THE BASE CAMP. GULF OPERATIONS REMAIN UNAFFECTED.
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